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SUBJECT.

Objection taken by the Secretary Vokkaligara Sangha for the use of the word 'Vokkaligara' in Vokkaligara Bandhu a Kanarese weekly to be started by Mr. S. Venkatramaiya.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.
K.N. Krishnaswamy Esq. 24.4.12	

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FILE HEADING.

Permission under the Mysore Newspapers Regulation III of 1908.

From

Mr. K. H. Ramayya, General Secretary, Vokkaligara Sangha, Bangalore City

No. ~~Letter~~ Dated 18.12.11 Received 12.3.12

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

States that it is learnt that Mr. S. Venkataramaiya, editor of the Vivekodaya is arranging to start a ~~newspaper~~ newspaper in Kannada to be called the Vokkaligara Bandhu and requests that, as the employment of the term Vokkaligara may give rise in the people's mind to ~~NOTES AND ORDERS.~~ the misconception that the paper is an organ of the Vokkaligara Sangha, the desirability of changing the name of the proposed paper may be pointed out to Mr. S. Venkataramiah

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The permission required under the Newspapers Regulation has been granted in respect of the ~~[illegible]~~ paper Okkaligara Bandhu (Vide No. G. 2813 / Q. No. 26-11-11 dt. 14 11/11)

(2) The contention of the General Secretary of the Vokkaligara Sangha that the term 'Vokkaligara' can only be appropriately used in respect of a publication issuing from an organised body, such as the 'Vokkaligara Sangha', is not acceptable as no Vokkaligar, either individually or as a body along with others, can claim any exclusive right to the employment of the word 'Vokkaligar' in ~~respect of any~~ connection with any periodical he may publish, or otherwise. Mr. S. Venkataramiah is as much entitled to the use of the word 'Vokkaligara' as the Vokkaligara Sangha (of which Mr. Ramayya is the Genl Secretary) or ~~[illegible]~~ any other 'Vokkaligar'.

(3) As regards the point that there is likely to be a misconception on the part of the people if there are two papers

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having similar names; it is observed that there have been such papers as the 'Mysore Herald' the 'Mysore Standard', the 'Indian Spectator', the 'Indian Social Reformer', without the attendant difficulties or troubles the applicant refers to.

If the applicant still thinks that difficulty is likely to arise in the matter, it is open to him to add to the title of his journal an explanatory expression, such as "the Organ of the Vokkaligara Sangha". He is also at liberty to state in his paper that the paper Okkaligara Bandhu is not in any way connected with the Vokkaligara Sangha. In any case for Govt there are no grounds, to take action as proposed by the applicant.

(4) Subd with a draft reply briefly as above for orders.

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I think the draft reply put up may be sent.

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23	To. The Secretary Vokkaligara Sangha, No. G 2484 B, 15 4 12 Madam Your letter dated 5th inst to req to subscribe for the Mandira.

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Vokkaligara Sangha Office
53, Cotton Pett, Bangalore City
18th / December / 1911

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esq B.A.,
Offg Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.
General and Revenue Depts,
Bangalore.

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We learn that Mr S. Venkataramaiya of Seringapatam, the Editor of Vivekodaya, is making arrangements to edit, print and publish a newspaper in the Kannada language and intends to name it 'The Vokkaligara Bandhu'.

We beg to bring it to your kind notice that the name of the paper as given by him is apt to mislead the people into the belief that it is another organ of the Vokkaligara Sangha alongwith the 'Vokkaligara Patrike' which it is not. 'Vokkaliga' is a general term which could only be appropriate for any publication issued from an organised body like our Sangha, and we doubt very much if a single individual can use the word without violating the meaning that properly belongs to it. Moreover, experience has shown that names which have become household words are dexterously manipulated by interested persons to dupe the populace and at the same time elude the clutches of law. The word 'Vokkaligara' most properly belongs to the Vokkaligara Sangha which has decided to hall-mark all its activities

activities with that all-embracing term, and it is but right that a corporate body like the Sangha which is expressly established for the welfare of the whole Vokkaligara community of the State should make use of it exclusively. Whereas, if a single individual should adopt it, it will surely create a false impression in the minds of the people to the effect that the Sangha might be publishing it.

We consider it therefore advisable to prevent this possible misconception and likely duplicity, and would therefore respectfully request that, while granting permission to the publication of the paper, you will be good enough to point out to the Editor the misnomer of the term 'Vokkaligara' and suggest to him the desirability of calling it by any other name than the one which is likely to throw the hint that it is the organ of the Vokkaligara Sangha.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

K H Ramayya
General Secretary.

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No. G 2484

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

Mr. H. H. Ramaiyya
General Secretary
Vokkaligara Sangha

Date of issue

Signed by

Sir

With refce to your letter dated the 18th Decr 1911 stating that the use of the term Vokkaligara in connection with the paper Vokkaligara Bandhu may give rise to an impression that the said paper is an organ over.

to be started by Mr. S. Venkataramaiya

SUBJECT.

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of the Vokkaligara Sangha and requesting that ~~this~~ this fact may be pointed out to the Editor of the ~~the~~ Vokkaligara Bandhu with a view to his changing the name of the paper to . I am directed to state that Govt ~~the~~ ~~do~~ see no way to interfere in the matter. ~~not prepared to consider it desirable~~ to take any action as proposed, ~~by them~~. as they do not feel called upon to do so

I have the

honour

to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Offg Secy.

15/8/12

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